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CLAIMS

- 1. A novel pharmaceutical composition comprising a mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols from 24 to 39 carbon atoms from 2 to 99.9% by weight of the composition; at least one another organic component selected from resins and pigments, hydrocarbons, esters, ketones and aldehydes, and phenolic compounds from 0.1 to 70% by weight of the composition, and HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof substantially devoid of any waxy acid, optionally with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients from 0 to 99.9% by weight of the composition.
 - 2. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols comprises 1-tetracosanol, 1-hexacosanol, 1-heptacosanol, 1-octacosanol, and 1-triacontanol.
- 3. A composition according to claims 1 and 2, wherein the mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols from 24 to 39 carbon atoms comprising 1-tetracosanol, 1-hexacosanol, 1-heptacosanol, 1-octacosanol, and 1-triacontanol are present as at least 40% by weight of the composition.
 - 4. A composition according to claims 1-3, wherein the ratio of the mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols and HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof is from 20:1 to 1:20.
 - 5. A composition according to claims 1-4, wherein HMG CoA reductase inhibitor is a statin, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof.
 - 6. A composition according to claim 5, wherein the statin is selected from a group comprising lovastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin, atorvastatin, fluvastatin, rosuvastatin, pitavastatin, or their salts, analogs or derivatives thereof.
 - 7. A composition according to claims 1-6 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable excipients are selected from a group comprising diluents, disintegrants, fillers, bulking agents, vehicles, pH adjusting agents, stabilizers, anti-oxidants, binders, buffers, lubricants, antiadherants, coating agents, preservatives, emulsifiers, suspending agents, release controlling agents, polymers, colorants, flavoring agents, plasticizers, solvents,

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preservatives, glidants, chelating agents and the like; used either alone or in combination thereof.

- 8. A composition according to claims 1-7, which is formulated as oral dosage forms such as tablets, pills, capsules, gels, finely divided powders, dispersions, suspensions, solutions, emulsions, etc; pulmonary and nasal dosage form such as sprays, aerosols, etc.; topical dosage forms such as gels, ointments, creams, etc; parenteral dosage forms; controlled release formulations; fast melt formulations, lyophilized formulations, delayed release formulations, sustained release, extended release formulations, pulsatile release formulations, and mixed immediate release and controlled release formulations.
- 10 9. A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 which comprises of the following steps:
 - i) isolating the wax,

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- subjecting the wax to extraction with a liquid organic extractant in which primary aliphatic alcohols and other organic components are soluble,
- 15 iii) recovering said soluble mixture from said extractant,
 - iv) purifying the extract by repeated washing and crystallization,
 - v) drying the extract at temperature below 70°C and making it into a powder form,
 - vi) adding HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, its salts, analogs or derivatives,
 - vii) optionally adding pharmaceutically acceptable excipients and making it into a suitable dosage form.
 - 10. A process according to claim 9, wherein the mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols comprises 1-tetracosanol, 1-hexacosanol, 1-heptacosanol, 1-octacosanol, and 1-triacontanol.
- A process according to claims 9 and 10, wherein the mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols from 24 to 39 carbon atoms comprising 1-tetracosanol, 1-hexacosanol, 1-hexacosanol, 1-hexacosanol, 1-octacosanol, and 1-triacontanol are present as at least 40% by weight of the composition.

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12. A process according to claims 9-11, wherein the ratio of the mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols and HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof is from 20:1 to 1:20.

- 13. A process according to claims 9-12, wherein HMG CoA reductase inhibitor is a statin, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof.
 - 14. A process according to claim 13, wherein the statin is selected from a group comprising lovastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin, atorvastatin, fluvastatin, rosuvastatin, pitavastatin, or their salts, analogs or derivatives thereof.
- 15. A method of reducing serum cholesterol level, and treating hyperlipidemia, which comprises administering a composition comprising a mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols from 24 to 39 carbon atoms from 2 to 99.9% by weight of the composition; at least one another organic component selected from resins and pigments, hydrocarbons, esters, ketones and aldehydes, and phenolic compounds from 0.1 to 70% by weight of the composition, and HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof, substantially devoid of any waxy acid, optionally with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients from 0 to 99.9% by weight of the composition.
 - 16. Use of a mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols from 24 to 39 carbon atoms from 2 to 99.9% by weight of the composition; at least one another organic component selected from resins and pigments, hydrocarbons, esters, ketones and aldehydes, and phenolic compounds from 0.1 to 70% by weight of the composition, and HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof, substantially devoid of any waxy acid, for preparing a composition for reducing serum cholesterol level, and treating hyperlipidemia.

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A composition comprising a mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols from 24 to 39 carbon atoms from 2 to 99.9% by weight of the composition; at least one another organic component selected from resins and pigments, hydrocarbons, esters, ketones and aldehydes, and phenolic compounds from 0.1 to 70% by weight of the composition, and HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof, substantially devoid of any waxy acid, as herein described and illustrated by the examples.

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18. The process for the preparation of a composition comprising a mixture of higher primary aliphatic alcohols from 24 to 39 carbon atoms from 2 to 99.9% by weight of the composition; at least one another organic component selected from resins and pigments, hydrocarbons, esters, ketones and aldehydes, and phenolic compounds from 0.1 to 70% by weight of the composition, and HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, its salts, analogs or derivatives thereof, substantially devoid of any waxy acid, as herein described and illustrated by the examples.

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